

~~CAPTAIN RICHARD N. RYAN~~

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Hija Choseff,

It's still early Monday morning, so if you can put up with some of the stationary Dick Ryan left behind, I'll attempt to get a letter off to you. I have about 40 minutes before I have to attend a Board meeting for the Officer's Club, so hang on and maybe ~~for~~ I can even finish this. - Provided of course some ol' stuffy person doesn't come in with the illogical idea that he is going to carry on some Army business! Some people are so dull.

First and foremost - for your interest as a casual - and of no one else's interest 'cept yours, I received a check from Mr. Cholbi the other day - payment in full for the one I sent him last fall!! - Got your breathe back yet? - It just shows you what my trust in human nature can bring about - see. - It even included interest - but I'm going to remit that. - Please keep this from the others as I know you'll agree - it's none of their business. - The only reason I'm mentioning it to you is for your interest. - And just to show you how happy I am to get it.

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I talked to the Col. Friday and he OKed it for me to have some leave! - Marian saw the Hospital C.O. - and she is getting some, too! - I was ~~only~~ going to take 3 weeks off - but she only has 17 days coming to her so we will limit our leave to that. - As long as she will be getting out soon there's no use overhauling her leave and paying it back to Uncle. Plans aren't definite yet. - He will leave here about Wednesday of next week - trying to arrive D.C. on Saturday. - We are driving because it will be more fun, more interesting and "more cheaper"! - Can do it for both of us, for the price of one of us going by either rail or plane. Besides Marian has never been east and we can see more of the country, letting her know there ~~are~~ some other states in the Union besides Wisconsin! - The car is in good shape now - 'cept for maybe using some oil. - Thought the trip would tell me for sure - and if so - well maybe Widmore will have a job. - Have been toying with the idea, - but all the mechanics around here are such flunkies and discourage you so that you get to thinking you could do a better job yourself - and, brother, - that's pretty discouraging.

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I've spent quite a bit on the car already with the front end & all - but with the new car situation what it is - think it's well spent to keep this one up to snuff - to say nothing about the added mental ease in driving a mechanically perfect car. - You know us!

Just wrote the folks a note about our proposed trip - Wasn't going to mention it, but decided their anticipation would afford them more pleasure than the surprise - or would it have been shock?! It will be the first time in 5 years that I've ever made Mama's birthday.

Will keep you informed thru the folks as to our actual time of departure. - Be good. - and maybe I'll see you soon. - I'm about a line or two from your end before we leave the wilds of Nebraska?

Joe & Josephine -